

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-25 are pending in this application. By the Office Action, claims 1-8 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting, and claims 10-25 are objected to.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 10-25 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but are otherwise allowable. Because the rejections of claims 1-8 are overcome as described below, the application is now in condition for allowance.

I. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 1 and 8 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,304,250.

Claims 2 and 3 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,304,250 in view of Ryohei.

Claims 4-7 are rejected for obviousness-type double patenting over claim 1 of U.S. Patent No. 7,304,250 in view of Takahashi.

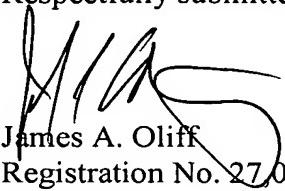
Without conceding to the propriety of the rejections, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, an executed Terminal Disclaimer is filed herewith. Accordingly, the rejections are overcome and must be withdrawn. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Petition for Extension of Time
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